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Architectural Review Board
Supplemental Meeting Minutes
August 23, 2010
City Hall, Conference Room
Fredericksburg, Virginia

Members Present

Lisa L. Peverill, Vice Chair
Jamie Scully
Donna L. Chasen
J. Gordon Brown

Members Absent

Robin B. Wood, Chair
Owen Lindauer
Marilynn D. Mendell

Staff

Erik Nelson

Ms. Peverill called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

OPENING REMARKS

Ms. Peverill determined that a quorum was present. Mr. Nelson stated that public notice requirements had been met. Ms. Peverill asked Mr. Nelson to introduce the topic of discussion.

OLD BUSINESS

1. 920 Caroline Street (Kathryn and Johnny Mitchell, Grey Jennings) – Exterior alterations, awning, and signs

Mr. Nelson noted that this case had been publicly heard on August 9, 2010, but a portion had been tabled to allow the applicants additional time to provide amplifying information.

Mr. Scully stated that the proposed work was much improved and would keep the style of the building evident.

Mr. Brown asked about the height of the awning above the sidewalk. Ms. Mitchell clarified that there would be between 9 and 10 feet of clearance.

Ms. Peverill asked about the proposed wood paneling. Mr. Jennings said it would cover, but not damage the underlying bricks. Ms. Chasen said that the panels would encapsulate the stacked bricks and would therefore be fully reversible.

Mr. Brown cautioned the group that it needed to be careful to respect the existing building, even if it was not considered attractive.

Ms. Peverill asked if there was any further discussion and then called for action on each item, as shown on submitted documentation:

Exterior Alterations

Wrap metal post with plain wood boards. Ms. Chasen made a motion for approval and Mr. Scully seconded. Motion carried 3-1, with Mr. Brown opposed.

Wrap downspouts and install pilasters. Mr. Scully made a motion for approval and Ms. Chasen seconded. Ms. Peverill suggested that wrapping the downspouts would be sufficient. Pilasters and a horizontal trim would not make that side of the building look shorter. Mr. Scully and Ms. Chasen accepted the amendment. Motion carried 3-1; with Mr. Brown opposed.

Install wood panels under the storefront windows. Ms. Chasen made a motion for approval. There was no second. Motion died.

Awning

Ms. Peverill clarified that what was up for approval was the awning shown in the drawings submitted by Dowling. Ms. Chasen made a motion for approval, with the condition that the backlighting be limited to the panels where the signs are to be located. Mr. Scully seconded. Motion carried 3-1, with Mr. Brown opposed.

Signs

Ms. Peverill clarified that the proposal was for the signs shown on the awning as well as individual lettering on the façade, above the awning. Ms. Chasen made a motion for approval of the awning signs and the individual lettering, with the condition that the applicants could revert to installing a wood panel with the letters attached in the event the adhesive is determined to be detrimental to the bricks. Mr. Scully seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Mitchell said he would not disturb the distinctive stacked brickwork under the storefront windows, except to clean it. The Board said they could revisit treatment of that area in the future. The Board also encouraged the applicants to consider using their storefront windows as signs. Mr. Nelson clarified that both items could be reviewed at a future meeting.

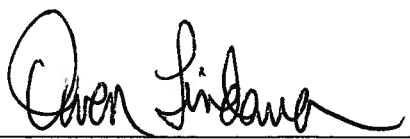
2. Conferences

Mr. Nelson noted that Donna Chasen was signed up to attend the Preservation Virginia Conference. He said others could sign up if they were interested.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.



FOR Lisa L. Peverill, ARB Vice Chair